

# A Resolution

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## **RECOGNIZING THE CREATION OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD BY THE TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION AND APPOINTING KELLY ALLEN GRAY AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition was formed in 1989 to coordinate and develop strategies and resources to end homelessness and has been recognized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) since 2008 as the lead agency for decision making and planning for the Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX 601; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Worth and other partner agencies in the Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX 601 receive federal funds from HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons in Tarrant and Parker County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (“HEARTH Act”) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act by consolidating three separate federal homeless assistance programs into a single grant program known as the Continuum of Care (“CoC”) program (“CoC Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness; promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the HEARTH Act also expands and codifies the existing planning and application efforts of the Continuum of Care to implement coordinated efforts for assessing and addressing the housing and service needs of individuals and families that were homeless or at risk of homelessness across a specified geographic area and to promote best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the HEARTH Act requires that each Continuum of Care must now establish a separate board to act on its behalf, and the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition Board of Directors on March 21, 2013 adopted a charter creating a new Continuum of Care Board to comply with the Continuum of Care Interim Rule, 24 CFR Part 578.1; and



**WHEREAS,** the Continuum of Care Interim Rule also quires increased collaboration between recipients of Emergency Solutions Grant funding such as the City of Fort Worth and the local Continuum of Care to ensure a community-wide coordinated plan for homeless housing and services and homelessness prevention assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** the charter of the new Continuum of Care Board calls for appointed representatives from local government entities, including the City of Fort Worth; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Worth affirms the purpose of the new Continuum of Care Board and the promotion of community-wide cooperation, collaboration, and planning to end homelessness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the City of Fort Worth recognizes the creation by charter of the Continuum of Care Board.

Section 2. That the City of Fort Worth will directly participate in the leadership of the Continuum of Care Board by appointing a representative in accordance with the charter of the Continuum of Care Board.

Section 3. That the City Council appoints Kelly Allen Gray to serve as the representative of the City of Fort Worth on the Continuum of Care Board for a two (2) year term.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2013.

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Kayser, City Secretary

